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Subject: Testimony against HB 5166, 67 and 68 in House Agriculture Committee

Dear House Agriculture Committee:

I had planned to testify against 5166, 67 and 68, not directly but as they are tie barred, to argue against one is to argue against them all. Circumstances make it impossible for me to be there Wednesday morning, so, here is my testimony.

The Michigan Constitution, Article Four, Section 52 reads, in part , “The legislature **shall** provide for the protection of the air, water and other natural resources of the state from pollution, impairment and destruction” (emphasis added).

How can it possibly be described that the addition of viruses, antibiotics, nutrients, and other wastes attendant to fish farms would not, at the very least, impair the water? Section 52 of course refers to all water, and not just Great Lakes water. This legislature has an obligation to follow the clear dictates of Article Four, whether you like it or not.

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